

# Interagency Council on Homelessness

WORKGROUP: COC  
LEARNING COMMUNITY  
MEETING  
DATE: 7/5/2017  
TIME: 9:30a – 11:30a CST

## MINUTES

### MEMBER ATTENDEES

Tammy Lynn – Region 2, Suzie Tolmie – Nashville, Wayne Snelling – West TN, Ken McKnight – Region 4 & 5, Terry Burdette – HART, Mark Williams – Chattanooga, Susan Green – Region 3, Mike Dunthorn – Knox County, Dana Brooks – Memphis, Scott Foster - Murfreesboro

## Agenda topics

### 1. FACILITATED WORK DAY UPDATE/DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>TDMHSAS asked for information regarding the number of individuals on the by-name list or CES priority list by July 14<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>This information will be used in a presentation to the Council asking for their support to advocate for a special needs set aside on the 9% LIHTC QAP</li><li>CoCs discussed the information they have available and asked for an email request detailing our exact needs</li></ul>
FOLLOW-UP ITEMS	<a href="#">N/A</a>

### 2. PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One of the outcomes from the housing focused work days was the topic of public housing authority preferences</li><li>Discussed relationship building between CoCs and PHAs and obtaining preferences</li><li>Homeless preference requests coming from the community is most helpful</li><li>HUD has published guides for how PHAs and CoCs can work more closely together.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Suzie Tolmie to share a link with everyone</li></ul></li><li>West TN shared that they have several PHAs that give preferences and Jackson Housing authority receives a grant from the CoC</li><li>Discussed the consideration of cumulative preferences<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Homelessness plus a disability would get a person higher on the list</li><li>Utilize the CES list</li></ul></li><li>Reach out to TAHRA regarding attendance at their regional Executive Director meetings</li></ul>
FOLLOW-UP ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Suzie provided a HUD link <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/news/resources-for-coc-and-pha-collaboration-to-end-homelessness/">https://www.hudexchange.info/news/resources-for-coc-and-pha-collaboration-to-end-homelessness/</a></li><li>Abigail to reach out to TAHRA</li></ul>

### 3. RENTAL TRAINING

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Laura Swanson of THDA provided TDMHSAS with some information to share with CoCs regarding Ready to Rent training.</li><li>The idea would be for the COCs or others to work with landlords who would not typically accept a</li></ul>
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	<p>renter with certain rental history or no rental history in the case of a transitioning foster youth to accept them if they receive this certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More information can be found at <a href="http://www.readytorent.org">www.readytorent.org</a></li> <li>• If CoCs or agencies within CoCs are interested in going down this path, please let Abigail Dowell know. THDA has offered to create an indicator on TNHousingsearch but will need several other steps to be taken by the CoCs and with landlords first</li> <li>• Potential to tie the training into periodic landlord summits or case management trainings</li> </ul>
<b>FOLLOW-UP ITEMS</b>	

#### 4. ACTION STEPS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Most CoCs don't typically track employment outcomes</li> <li>○ Do state departments track a homeless indicator?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 10.4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Memphis shared that they currently do not have enough outreach workers to respond to individuals reporting</li> <li>○ West TN and Murfreesboro also shared issue with lack of funding for outreach workers</li> <li>○ Murfreesboro has begun training volunteers through churches</li> </ul> </li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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#### 5. STATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TennCare is attempting to establish a policy for how to reach out to the homeless applicants when their application information is incomplete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Memphis suggested their hospitality Hub</li> <li>○ Other CoCs suggested their centralized intake</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Department of Education has extended an invitation to CoCs to participate in homeless liaison meetings. Mid-Cumberland and Middle Tennessee will occur in September. If you would like to participate, please contact Justin Singleton at <a href="mailto:Justin.Singleton@tn.gov">Justin.Singleton@tn.gov</a></li> </ul>
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**Next Meeting – October 4, 2017 from 9:30 – 11:30a CST**